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REMARKS

This is an amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, to place the case in condition for allowance after a final rejection.

The Examiner is respectfully thanked for the telephone interview held with the undersigned attorney on August 15, 2005.

During the telephone interview, the applicant's attorney discussed the relationship of the elements that make up the claims at the present time, and a discussion was had that when a system is being claimed as in the amended claims herewith, patentable weight can be given to all of the elements of the claims.

It was believed that by modifying the claims to claim a processor system, the claims will be allowable.

It is believed that the independent claims have now thus been amended in a manner that makes them allowable, in accordance with the discussions. It appeared to the applicant that the dependent claims 2-8 also had to be amended to recite the "processor system". Claim 5 has been amended to clarify that the processor station is in a housing having the spaced side walls claimed. Language similar to that is added in claims 7 and 8.

In regard to independent claim 9, it now claims a processor system including a sensing roller assembly. The word "substrate" has been now used throughout the claim, and it is also believed that adding "upper surface of the" clarifies the claim. The introductory portions of claims 13 and 14 have been likewise amended to conform to this language. It is thus believed that the rejection of claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 has been overcome.

It is also respectfully believed that the amended claims define invention over a combination of references that were cited. The Hagstrom patent, as discussed, includes a pinch roller, that is used for holding a CD or disc in position as it

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is transported into a processing station. A pinch roller engages a properly seated CD or disc.

The present claims define a roller in the processor system that will not engage a properly seated disc, but when a disc is not in its proper position the roller will be moved so that a signal is provided indicating the disc is not properly positioned. This represents a substantial step forward in handling discs for processing, because improperly positioned discs can cause substantial difficulty in a processing sequence. By obtaining a signal indicating a disc to be processed is not in its proper position, the process can be temporarily interrupted until the positioning of the disc is corrected.

Certainly, encoders are known, but in this combination, the non-obvious arrangement of having the roller that is moved only when a disc in the processing station is not properly positioned is believed to be non-obvious and patentable. Therefore, favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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